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Commissioner for Patents**Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

The amendment document filed on December 5, 2003 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 03 (see 68 Fed Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omissions or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

1. Amendments to the specification

The first paragraph of the specification was not amended in view of the last immediate prior version which was in the Preliminary Amendment of March 6, 2002. Applicants have submitted a Supplemental Amendment filed December 18, 2003 which fixes this non compliance. Thus, this non compliance issue is moot in view of said Supplemental Amendment.

2. Amendments to the claims:

Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Claim 16 and 17 are marked as (Original) but have been currently amended, thus the status identifier is wrong. This needs to be addressed by applicants.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

Since the amendment of December 18, 2003 is in response to a NON_FINAL Office Action, and since the amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a time period of One Month from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Attached: Flyer of "Revised Amendment Practice: 37 CFR 1.121 Changed Compliance is Mandatory - Effective Date July 30, 2003.

The reply filed on December 18, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply does not address examiners rejections of the claims of record. The examiner notes that this is because the Amendment to the claims of December 5, 2003 cannot be entered. Addressing the issue of Non-compliance cited above will also remove this issue. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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